

printed on the TD after the TD is inserted into the insertion port by the bearer;

an acquiring portion to acquire biological information of the bearer;

a collator to collate the biological information of the bearer acquired by the acquiring portion with the individual information read from the TD of the bearer by the reader;

an examination portion to examine the authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the TD by the reader and determine whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of collation by the collator;

a passing ticket issuer to issue a passing ticket to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass by the examination portions; and

a gate to approve the passage by accepting the passing ticket issued by the passing ticket issuer.

5. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a database pre-recording individual information of a bearer whose passing is to be rejected,

wherein the collator inquires the database about the individual information read by the reader,

wherein the examination portion determines to prohibit the bearer to pass the gate when the individual information exists in the database as a result of the inquiry made by the collator, and

wherein the passing ticket issuer does not issue a passing ticket to the bearer when the examination portion disapproves the bearer to pass the gate.

7. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the passing ticket issuer issues a passing ticket recording the biological information that has been collated by the examination portion to the bearer, and

wherein the gate accepts the passing ticket inserted by the bearer, approves the passage of the bearer, returns the passing ticket to the bearer who passed the gate, accepts the returned passing ticket inserted again by the bearer, reads the biological information recorded on the passing ticket, and approves the passage of the bearer through the gate in an opposite direction.

8. (Amended) A passing examination system comprising:

- an insertion port to receive a Travel Document (TD) recording individual information which specifies a bearer;
- a reader to read the individual information from the TD and specific information printed on the TD after the TD is inserted into the insertion port by the bearer;
- a first acquiring portion to acquire biological information of the bearer;
- a first collator to collate the biological information of the bearer acquired by the first acquiring portion with the individual information read from the TD of the bearer by the reader;
- a first examination portion to examine the authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the TD by the reader and determine whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of collation by the first collator;
- a passing ticket issuer to issue a passing ticket recording the biological information

that has been collated by the first collator to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass by the first examination portion;

a first gate to accept an inserted passing ticket issued by the passing ticket issuer, approving the passage of the bearer in a first direction and returning the accepted passing ticket to the bearer;

a passing ticket insertion port to accept the passing ticket inserted by the bearer when the bearer moves in a second direction opposite to the first direction after the bearer passes the first gate in the first direction;

a passing ticket reader to read the biological information from the passing ticket inserted into the passing ticket insertion port by the bearer;

a second acquiring portion to acquire biological information of the bearer;

a second collator to collate the biological information of the bearer acquired by the second acquiring portion with the biological information read from the passing ticket by the passing ticket reader;

a second examination portion to approve the passage of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of collation by the second collator; and

a second gate to permit the passage of the bearer in the second direction based on the approval of the passage of the bearer by the second examination portion.

10. (Amended) The system according to claim 8, further comprising:

a database pre-recording individual information of a bearer whose passage is to be rejected,

wherein the first collator inquires the database about the individual information read by the reader,

wherein the first examination portion determines to prohibit the bearer to pass the first gate in the first direction and not to issue a passing ticket when the individual information exists in the database as a result of the inquiry made by the first collator.

11. (Amended) A passing examination method, comprising:
accepting an inserted TD containing individual information specifying a bearer of the TD;
reading the individual information from the TD and specific information printed on the TD after the TD is inserted by the bearer;
acquiring biological information of the bearer;
collating the acquired biological information of the bearer with the individual information read from the TD of the bearer;
examining the authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the TD by the reader and whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of the collation;
issuing a passing ticket to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass an immigration gate by the examination; and
approving the passage of the bearer by accepting the inserted passing ticket.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:
inquiring a database about the individual information read during the reading,
wherein the database pre-records individual information of a bearer whose passing is to be rejected; and
prohibiting the passing of the bearer when the individual information of the bearer

is contained in the database as a result of the inquiry.

17. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein a passing ticket recording the biological information that has been collated during the examination is issued to the bearer during the issuing, and

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cont upon accepting the passing ticket inserted by the bearer, the passing of the bearer is approved, the passing ticket is returned to the bearer, the passing ticket inserted again by the bearer is accepted, the biological information recorded on the passing ticket is read, and the passing of the bearer in an opposite direction is approved in the approving.

18. (Amended) A passing examination method, comprising:

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By accepting a Travel Document (TD) recording individual information specifying a bearer;

reading the individual information from the TD and specific information printed on the TD, wherein the TD is inserted into an insertion port by the bearer;

acquiring the biological information of the bearer;

collating the acquired biological information of the bearer with the individual information read from the TD;

examining the authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the TD by the reader and whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of the collation;

issuing a passing ticket recording the collated biological information to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass a gate in the examination;

approving the bearer to pass the gate in a first direction by accepting the passing

ticket after the passing ticket is inserted and returning the accepted passing ticket to the bearer;

accepting the passing ticket after the returned passing ticket is inserted when the bearer moves in a second direction opposite to the first direction after the bearer passes in the first direction;

reading the biological information recorded on the passing ticket that is inserted by the bearer;

acquiring the bearer's biological information;

examining whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of the collation; and

approving the passing of the bearer in the second direction.

20. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, further comprising:

inquiring a database about the individual information read during the reading,

wherein the database pre-records individual information of a bearer whose passing is to be rejected; and

prohibiting to issue a passing ticket to the bearer and the passage of the bearer in the first direction when the individual information of the bearer is contained in the database as a result of the inquiry.